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RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCES AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Residents of Estonia can submit a request for a good conduct certificate (Toend Karistuse Kohta) from the National Prefecture of Police (Riigi Politseiamet), Pagari 1, EE0102, Tallinn, Eesti. Persons residing outside of Estonia may request a certificate by writing to the Police Department's Information Bureau (Riigi Politseiamet, Politsei Teabeburoo, Pagari 1, EE0102, Tallinn Eesti). The request must include the applicant's complete name, date and place of birth, father's name, and place(s) of residence while in Estonia.

The Estonian Good Conduct Certificate contains a wet seal and indicates if the individual has been registered in the criminal records of the Estonian State Police Board. A clean certificate does not necessarily mean that an individual has never been arrested; records of all but the most serious offenses are routinely expunged after several years.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

A certificate of military service (Toend Sojavaeteenistuse Kohta) is available from the National Defense Department (Riigikaitseosakond) Office in the district where one is registered to reside.

Certificate of Change of Name

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

The Office of Vital Statistics (Perekonnaseisumamet) issues the Certificate of Change of Name (Nime Muutmise Tunnistus) in the district where one is registered to reside. One must have a good reason to change one's name (e.g., because the name sounds foreign or asinine in Estonian).

Marriage and Divorce Records

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Copies of marriage or divorce certificates can be obtained by writing to the Office of Vital Records (Perekonnaseisumamet, Lossi Plats, Parnu Mnt 67, EE0100, Tallinn, Eesti). The request must specify the date of the event and the names of the persons involved.

Americans who wish to marry in Estonia must present documentary evidence that they are legally free to marry. All foreign documents should be translated into Estonian and authenticated by Estonian authorities. Although no blood tests are currently required, there is a waiting period of approximately one month.

Only residents of Estonia can apply for a divorce in Estonia. Couples without children or joint property may obtain a divorce through the Office of Vital Statistics after a three-month waiting period. In all other cases, a divorce must be obtained in an Estonian court.

Birth Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Copies of birth certificates can be obtained from the Office of Vital Records. [See Marriage and Divorce Records above.] Births must be registered with the Office of Vital Records within one month. The parents must present personal identification as well as the birth certification they received from the hospital. If the parents of the child are not married but the father formally recognizes the child, the child will bear the father's surname. If the mother is unmarried and no father recognizes the child, the birth certificate is filled in according to the information provided by the mother, and the child bears her surname.

Adoption Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Adoption court records are available only to the adoptive child and the adoptive parents. A written request should be submitted to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Room 217, Gonsiori 29, EE0104 Tallinn, Eesti.

If the adoptive parents so desire, the Office of Vital Records will issue a new birth certificate for the adopted child that shows them as the parents, and does not indicate the child was adopted. The place of the child's birth can even be changed to match that of the adoptive parents. In such a case, the new birth certificate will not be annotated "correction" (korduv).

Baptismal Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Sporadically available. Baptismal records may be obtained from the church in which the baptism occurred.

Death Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Available. Copies of death certificates can be obtained from the Office of Vital Records. [See Marriage and Divorce Records above.]

Passport and Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Estonian passports are issued to all Estonian citizens over sixteen years of age. Citizens under sixteen are included in the passports of both parents and may be issued individual limited validity passports upon the application of the parents. Estonia does not require nor issue exit permits.

The Government of Estonia issues several non-citizen travel documents which are valid for U.S. visa issuance. The most common of these is the temporary travel document (Ajutine Reisidokument), which was designed as a means to allow international travel by former Soviet citizens residing in Estonia who have not yet decided whether to apply for Estonian citizenship or that of another country. It is valid for only one return into Estonia.

The second noncitizen travel document issued by the Estonian Government is the alien's passport (Valismaalase Pass). This passport is issued to Estonian residents who are stateless, who have begun the application process for Estonian citizenship, or who cannot obtain a passport from their country of citizenship.

VISA ISSUING POST

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Tallinn (E) NIV only, except K.

IV and K visa applications for nationals of Estonia are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

All of Estonia.